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Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

To whom it may concern:

Please consider this a letter of support for the existing Public, Educational, and Governmental (PEG) TV services and the local franchises that they depend upon as part of your "Notice of Proposed Rulemaking" 05-311 on "video franchising". The existing structure which provides local communities an opportunity to have direct control of some of the communications options in their area seems an appropriate option in the existing buffet of media services that the marketplace has made available. An important component of this option is the right to create and make available local content, and this service is critical to the ongoing fostering of citizenship at the most immediate and direct level, the local community.

As we have seen through the recent debate on media ownership rules, people of all walks of life think it's important that they have access to electronic media that include their lives in the local community as part of its content. Local franchising and its inclusion of PEG TV services is a critical part of that service and its dilution or reduction would not only be inappropriate in the face of these concerns, but work against efforts to include more of the citizenry in the fabric of public life.

I would be pleased to speak further on this subject if anyone would care to contact me.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bob".

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